Excise smuggling cases.

Q.—24. Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of cases of smuggling arrack, toddy, brandy, ganja and opium detected up-to-date in the State, *i.e.*, from January 1954 to January 1955;

(*b*) out of which, how many cases resulted in conviction;

(*c*) out of the cases, the fine recovered up to the end of January 1955;

(*d*) and in how many cases the cases were proved otherwise, and the reasons for their failure (figures should be furnished districtwar)?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*)—

	Wet Districts				Dry Districts									
	Bangalore	Mysore	Mandya	Hassan	Tumkur	Hassan	Kolar and K.G.F.	Chikmagalur	Chitaldrug	Shimoga	Bellary	Bangalore	Railways	Total
Arrack ...	6	13	...	6	28	121	94	6	115	206	65	7	10	...
Toddy ...	2	1	4	5	135	103	111	15	7	18	11	163	4	...
Brandy ...	...	...	...	...	7	15	2	7	2	..	2	...	48	...
Ganja ...	4	4	...	2	109	13	43	21	47	41	38	...	10	...
Opium ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	3	...
...	12	18	4	13	279	252	251	49	171	265	119	170	75	1,678

(*b*)—

Arrack ...	5	13	...	3	28	102	66	6	95	200	60	6	10	...
Toddy ...	2	1	...	4	130	90	88	15	7	8	11	156	4	...
Brandy ...	..	...	...	...	7	10	2	7	2	...	2	...	37	...
Ganja ...	3	4	...	2	105	12	37	15	41	40	30	...	8	...
Opium ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
...	10	18	...	9	270	214	194	43	145	248	105	162	61	1,479

(*c*)—

... Rs.	528	80	15 *	65 **	3,745	5,019	5,723	345	3,439	3,400	1,799	3,040	1,050	28,248 †
(*d*) ...	...	...	2	1	9	38	57	6	26	17	14	8	14	192

Reasons for their failure (acquittal or discharge) in the several cases in the court are due to (1) discrepant evidence in Court, (2) prosecution witnesses turning hostile, (3) benefit of doubt, (4) under Section 245, Cr.P.C.

* Departmental fine in one case.

** Departmental fine in three cases.

† Includes (4) cases dealt departmentally in Wet Districts of Mandya and Hassan.